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### REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claim 23, and has amended claims 22, 24, and 25. New claims 26-28 have been added, which claims roughly correspond to the subject matter of dependent claim 23, now cancelled, and dependent claim 24. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Claims 22 and 24-28 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Hsien-Ming Lee for his thorough search and review of the prior-art, his careful consideration and examination of the present application and claims, and his indication that claims 23 and 25 contain allowable subject matter. In particular, the Examiner stated that claims 23 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has rewritten independent claim 22 to include the limitations of objected-to dependent claim 23, and has rewritten objected-to dependent claim 25 to include the limitations of independent claim 22.

The Office Action rejected claims 22 and 24 on prior art. Regarding this rejection, claims 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Yu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,448,606) in view of Thurgate et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,366,501). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for reasons including those set forth below.

Since independent claim 22 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 23 and since dependent claim 24 depends from amended independent claim 22, Applicant submits that the rejection of these two claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is now moot. It is further submitted that the outstanding rejection, to the extent applied to new claims 26-28, would also be moot since they depend from claim 25 that was indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the present rejection under U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, it is respectfully submitted that each and every objection and rejection has been overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is thus requested.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

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